

Please amend claims 1, 4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 18, as follows. The "marked-up" version of the amended claims are provided in the APPENDIX attached hereafter.

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1. (Amended) An apparatus for controlling a focus position, comprising:
a display screen for displaying an image corresponding to a subject and a mark
representing the focus position;
a touch screen for moving the mark on said display screen; and
focus control means for controlling to focus on a position of the subject corresponding to
said mark.

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4. (Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said focus control means further
calculates the focus position by processing image data corresponding to the mark moved by said
touch screen in order to focus the position of subject corresponding to the mark.

5. (Amended) A digital still camera, comprising:
display means for showing an image corresponding to a subject and a mark representing
the focus position;
image store means for storing image data corresponding to the image;
a touch screen for moving the mark on said display means; and
focus control means for controlling the focus on a position of the subject corresponding
to the mark.

7. (Amended) The digital still camera of claim 5, wherein said display means comprises a display screen that shows the image and the mark.

8. (Amended) The digital still camera of claim 5, wherein said touch screen is established on a camera body.

11. (Amended) The digital still camera of claim 5, wherein said focus control means further calculates the focus position by processing image data corresponding to the mark moved by said touch screen in order to focus the position of the subject corresponding to the mark according to the focus position calculation.

13. (Amended) The digital still camera of claim 11, further comprising a second image storage unit for storing compressed data.

14. (Amended) The digital still camera of claim 13, wherein said focus control means compresses image data stored in said first image storage unit and restores compressed image data stored in said second image storage unit.

15. (Amended) A method for a digital still camera operator to control a focus position with the camera, comprising the steps of:

- (a) displaying a subject and a focus mark on a display screen;
- (b) determining a position on the display screen to which the operator relocates the focus position based on the operator's manipulation of a touch screen;